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Intense action, like this between Independent 7 and ICA, can be expected when the IM playoffs begin.

Education receives grant

The LSUS education department has received a \$12,000 grant from the state department of education to conduct a special reading program in five Northwest Louisiana parishes.

The project, "Administrative Leadership in School Reading Programs," is designed to increase the knowledge and the role of school administrators in developing school reading programs. The project is part of a special state program called SPUR (Special Plan for Upgrading Reading), and will be conducted by LSUS faculty members.

Dr. Barbara Decker, assistant professor of education and project director of the grant, said the first step to initiate the grant will be to establish a planning task force of school

administrators, teachers, college professors and state education officials. The group will then design and conduct a needs assessment survey among area school administrators.

Based on the needs of area school administrators in reading programs, a training program will be devised and will form the basis for establishing a three-hour graduate course to be offered school administrators at LSUS.

The prime target population for the project will focus primarily on principals and assistant principals of elementary and secondary schools in Bossier, Caddo, DeSoto, Red River and Webster Parishes.

As part of the project, a team of consultants will work with LSUS officials

and members of the Planning Task Force to develop training instruments, to provide technical assistance in course development and to provide training on specific topics to participants.

The program will address several areas in its attempt to improve reading skills in students, and the instruction of the reading process by teachers and administrators.

Public relations director resigns

by Leslie Bland

Joel Fryer, LSUS director of public relations, has resigned his position effective Nov. 20 to become a sales representative for Certified Laboratories, a Dallas-based firm.

Fryer has been at LSUS since May 1980. Before coming to LSUS, he worked as a public information assistant for the Tennessee Higher Education Board for two years. He is founder and president of the Louisiana Higher Education Public Relations Association, an organization for college public relations students.

Although he graduated from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn., with a degree in English and philosophy, he got experience in the field of public relations by serving as editor of his campus newspaper and working as a free-lance photographer for advertising agencies.

Fryer feels that the most important thing he has accomplished at LSUS was

SGA to write letter

Buildings need higher ranking

by Leslie Bland

Proposed LSUS projects, such as the administration building and the fine and performing arts building should be given higher priority by the Board of Regents and LSU Board of Supervisors, say two SGA senators.

Tony Alexander and Tracy Williams will write a letter, endorsed by other senators and officers, to the Board of Regents and the LSU Board of Supervisors requesting that proposed LSUS projects be given higher ranking on the boards' list of priorities.

While the Board of Supervisors ranked the proposed administration building first priority, the Board of Regents ranked the building 48th. The fine and performing arts building was ranked 23rd by the Board of Supervisors but 88th on the Board of Regents list.

The letter will show the board members that SGA members are interested in the projects.

Senators at the meeting also raised the possibility of

SGA members attending club meetings on campus to get more student feedback on such issues as the beer permit.

Funds cut from budget

The future of the proposed administration building at LSUS suffered another blow Monday when the state House of Representatives refused to give LSUS \$400,000 to begin planning the building.

The move came when the House voted 55-31 against the fund allocation for LSUS, in support of a ruling by House Speaker John Hainkel Jr., of New Orleans, that the allocation did not fall within Governor Treen's guidelines for the special legislative session.

At the same time, however, the House approved an allocation of \$970,000 for additions to the architectural and engineering buildings at Southern University in Baton Rouge.

Seminar to teach parents how to cope with teens

"Adolescents in the Family: Taking the Pressure Off Mom and Dad," a seminar designed to provide information and coping strategies to parents of adolescents, will be offered by LSU in Shreveport Nov. 20-21.

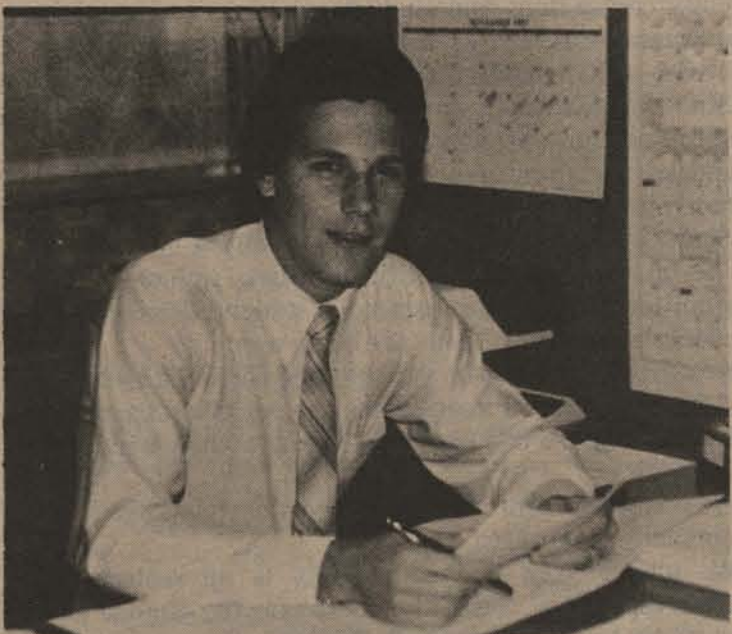
The seminar begins Friday, Nov. 20 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and continues Saturday, Nov. 21 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Plantation Room of the LSUS University Center. Cost for the Seminar is \$25 per person.

Dr. Joseph F. Carlisle, associate professor of

psychology at LSUS, and Ann V. Eddy, supervisor of professional services at Rutherford House, will be the speakers. Both also conduct private practice in marital and family therapy.

The program will deal with family developmental life cycles, an overview of adolescence, the family in transition, understanding adolescent behavior, the role of interpersonal communications in working with adolescents, and helping adolescents develop productive behaviors.

For additional information, contact Conferences and Institutes.



Joel Fryer

Photo by Mark Stringer

to "establish credibility with the local media." The University is now a viable news product," he said. Fryer feels that LSUS opportunities are more visible to the public now, though "the University speaks for itself."

Working at LSUS has taught Fryer a great deal. "It matured me," he said, adding that he appreciates

the help he has received from faculty, staff and students. "It is sad to leave LSUS," he said.

Fryer will continue to live in Shreveport after he changes jobs, calling on business and industrial clients in the area for Certified Laboratories, a Dallas-based firm. The company manufactures chemical products.

Editorials

Students gain voting rights

With the election of Darwyn Williams, Louisiana Tech's student government president, to the Board of Regents, students now have voting privileges on the Board.

Before the Nov. 4 election last year, student members had all the rights and privileges of other board members except the right to vote.

It took an amendment to the state constitution to give the student member on the governing boards of the state's higher education systems the right to vote. The boards are the LSU Board of Supervisors, the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities and the Southern University Board of Supervisors.

LSUS led the way with the first student board member in 1975 when an amendment was passed to provide for a student member to serve a one-year term on the board. After five years the campaign has now been won to give that student the right to vote.

Williams was elected in August to serve until June. As an active member, Williams travels to Baton Rouge each month for meetings and he votes on all issues, including capital outlay requests and other funding for state schools.

Williams also will travel from school to school to determine needs as he represents all public university students who have no say on the Board except through him.

Supervisory boards make highly salient decisions concerning institutions they govern. These decisions ultimately affect the students. And the board can retain, eliminate or revise a degree program and allot the annual budget for a specific university.

The student position is rotated yearly among the system. And an LSUS student has served two of the five terms. LSUS led the way five years ago when Billy Lyons was the first student board member and in 1979 Keith Whitehead represented the state colleges and universities.

And lose rights

Students no longer have voting privileges on faculty committees except for two committees which directly involve students.

But Gale Bridger, chairman of the ad hoc committee of the faculty council, says the committees still need students representatives because the committees want student input and ideas.

In explaining the decision not to retain student voting rights, Bridger explains that the committees are really faculty committees and students are not members of the organization just as teachers are not members of the SGA, a student organization.

Students have kept voting rights on the student affairs committee for non-academic matters and on the standards committee because these committees directly involve student interest.

Students should not feel that there really is no reason to be on the committee without voting rights if the committees are really interested in student ideas and if students see that their ideas are being used.

An advisory position on a committee becomes useless and interest is lost if suggestions are not given earnest consideration. No one likes to serve as a show-window mannequin.

We believe students are concerned and would like the opportunity to be heard.

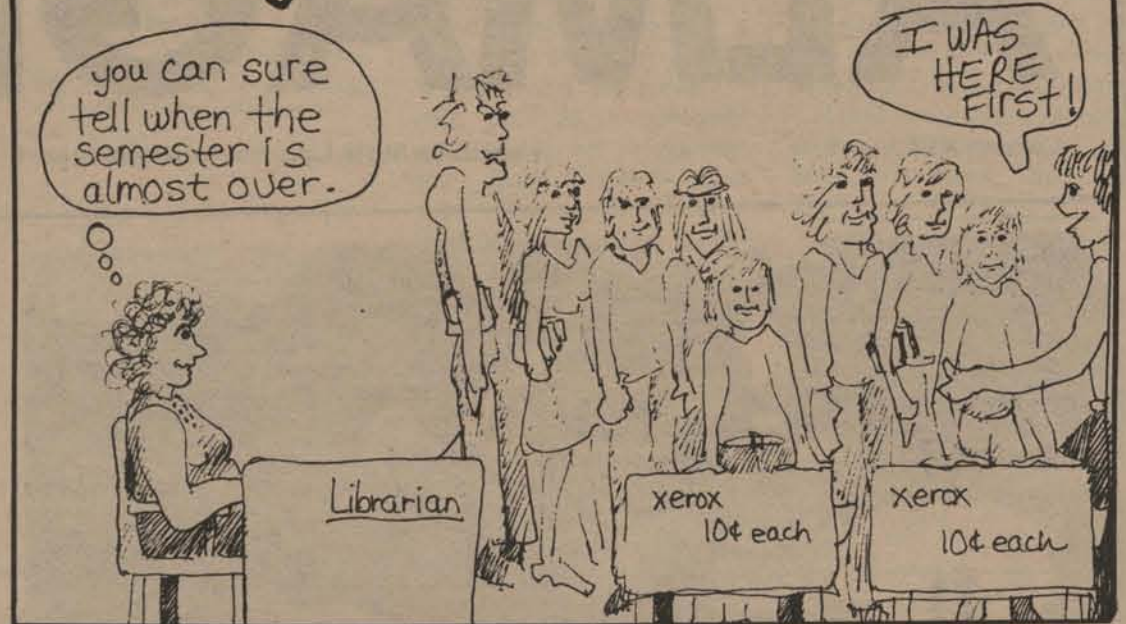
We also believe that the faculty is interested in student input. And this is the reason for the change in the way that student representatives are chosen.

Before, the SGA and the Program Council suggested students to serve on the faculty committees. This greatly limited who the students would be because many students involved on campus are not Program Council members or SGA members.

Taking recommendations from other faculty and from other clubs give a greater number of students a chance to serve. This should broaden student ideas.

With this step forward, we hope that voting members will consider the ideas of the students. And we hope students won't let not having a vote keep them from participating.

Sunday afternoon:



Idle ramblings

Biology spoken here

by Jack Mitchell

My original plans for this past summer were to immerse myself in blissful ignorance — far removed from anything even remotely resembling a textbook. Unfortunately, an acute attack of academic integrity caused me to cast my intentions aside, don my battle gear and challenge Biology 101 to a battle to the death.

Now, bear in mind you're dealing with someone who cleverly compacted one year of high school biology into two years. Long lectures on the mating cycle of the East Indian Sea Cucumber (or something to that effect) tend to glaze my eyes over, and the thought of dissecting anything that has even the slightest chance of bleeding makes me rush to dig out the conscientious objector letter I was keeping for emergencies.

So, with these somewhat questionable credentials and an undeniable fear of anyone in a laboratory smock, common sense would dictate that I maintain a safe distance from the "study of life."

Unfortunately, page 106 of the LSUS catalog, outlining what a journalism major must do before he can become an unemployed journalist, precludes any chance at common sense.

And it was a direct result of the wit and wisdom of page 106 that led me to find myself, that morning in early June, face-to-face with the prospect of spending my summer in the company of prokaryotic cells, autotrophs and a number of other biological things I can't begin to pronounce.

The class seemed normal enough at first — roll call and all that. But once formalities were behind us and we ran headlong into the realities of Biology 101, I was plunged into a world of darkness unparalleled in my short history.

Whether the teacher was discussing the molecular structure of an amino acid or the feeding habits of a blowfish, it all sounded the same to me — like a roomful of agitated Chinese revolutionaries arguing over Mao Tse Tung's role in the creation of the universe.

Needless to say, I wasn't at the head of my class. In fact, after only three days I was a good week behind my classmates and rapidly establishing a new set of parameters in biological stupidity. Until I got wise...

You see, the only way a die-hard liberal arts student like myself was going to survive something as hopelessly scientific as biology was to lower it to a level I could understand.

First, I had to learn to speak biology. It wasn't so much the meanings of the words — I speak a fluent gibberish — as it was the physical act of saying them.

Consider the word "OLICHAETA," which is biological for earthworms and their kin. The con-tortions you have to put your mouth through to spit that monster out leaves a 10-cent jawbreaker green with envy.

The best way to overcome this, I found, is to swallow a mouthful of scalding coffee just prior to attempting to speak biology. The spasms your tongue and cheeks go through trying to maximize

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Campus Forum

Thanks given to debate helpers

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the hard work and energy devoted to assisting me with the recent Red River Forensic Classic held on our campus by several members of the LSUS community. Without their willingly devoted time, the tournament could not be a success.

First, I want to thank the ladies in the Communications Department for handling much of the advance preparations and continuing to work during the tournament itself: Janey Slusher, Jan Strong, and Donna Saffel. I am also grateful for the registration assistance provided by Mrs. Phyllis Graham, Director of Placement. The advanced mailing was handled most competently by Dr. John Powell and his staff in Conferences and Institutes.

Secondly, there are a number of faculty members who volunteered their time as judges and whose names I will list alphabetically to avoid any charges of favoritism or sexism: Suzanne Bright, Dalton Cloud, Joe Dixon, Richard Flicker, Charlene Handford, Nancy Hutson, Anne King, David Lawson, Paul Leslie, Joe Loftin, Nancy Sexton, John Tabor, and Anne

Torrans.

Thirdly, there are four of my graduate students who likewise volunteered time away from their jobs and studies to help judge: Wilma Ferguson, Mary Rounds, Mary Kay Slusher, and Perlean Williams.

Finally, although I do not have the space to print all their names, I would like to express my appreciation to those students in my Communications 135 classes who, under a certain amount of duress, "volunteered" to serve as time-keepers during the tournament.

All of these people are most deserving of our sincere thanks, because it is their work that the visiting students and coaches use to form the favorable impression of LSUS that so many of them expressed to me during the weekend. Further, I wanted to point out that there are students and faculty on our campus who do care enough about the activities and events we host to volunteer their time and to make an appearance. I am proud of LSUS and their students and faculty, and I am especially proud to be able to mention these people in a letter such as this.

Sincerely yours,
Frank J. Lower
Director of Forensics

Give thanks for today

For out of the riches in Glory He's provided for all our needs...

The stillness and peace in my whole being sings in exultation! Sound of rippling water falling nearby — echos gladly into the quietness of my soul. Sun glinting through autumn leaves strikes me with its silvery, sparkling essence.

Today, I can say — wonderingly and awed

— God is dealing with my life choices, acting according to His Sovereignty — and it is well with my soul!

Even the warm rhythm of the gentle breeze has a richness of resonance beyond belief! I am so thankful today — for today, and the magic of each moment — with this warmth given me to pass on to any along the way...

Pam Pixley

Suicide can be prevented

One night near the end of the 1981 spring semester, I was awakened by loud footsteps and screams for help. One of the girls in the college suite next to mine had slashed her wrists with a butcher knife.

She was discovered by several of her friends who immediately tried to help her. Instead of accepting their help, she made a run for the bayou behind our dorm to complete the task she had begun. We called campus police and arrived at the bayou in time to see her being carried out of the water screaming, "I want to die! Please, just let me die!"

She had called her parents collect before she cut her wrists. They refused the charges.

This girl was fortunate. Help came before it was too late. But the suicide attempt itself could have been prevented if only the people close to her had stopped to take notice of her obvious emotional despair. Her friends passed off her extremely unruly behavior as a nuisance and ultimately her parents refused to take the time to talk to her.

According to Senior Scholastic magazine, out of approximately 250,000 young Americans who try to kill themselves each year, about 10,000 are successful. In fact, suicide is the third leading cause of death for people between the ages of 15 and 24 in the United States.

Most suicides stem from severe depression caused by various stresses and pressures in our society. A plunge in self-esteem, a sense of failure or the loss of a loved one are all factors which can — and do — lead to suicide.

Most people contemplating suicide send out warning signals or "cries for help" before they ever actually attempt suicide. These signals — severe depression, radical personality changes or obsession with death

— are communicated to family, friends or other significant people in that person's life. These signals are the potential suicide victims' way of reaching out before it's too late.

What would you do if you are confronted by someone who threatens to commit suicide?

According to Anita Samuels, a social worker who has had experience in dealing with potential suicide victims, a suicide threat must never be ignored. "If someone approaches you with the threat of suicide, don't question his intentions. Instead, try to find out why he feels he needs to end his life. Help him find alternatives to cope with his problems. But most importantly, let him do most of the talking, because he needs to get it out in the open."

Samuels also suggested that if you suspect the possibility of suicide and are very close with the person, confront him with your concerns and try to help him. If you feel inadequate or don't know the person well enough, connect him with professionals who can help him.

Programs such as Open Ear in Shreveport are designed for such problems. Telephone lines are open from 8 a.m. until midnight for those who may need to call. Another alternative in the Shreveport-Bossier area is the Shreveport Mental Health Center.

Awareness is the key word in suicide prevention. Be on the lookout for the warning signals from people around you. So many lives can be saved if the cries for help are recognized in time.

But if the signals are ignored, suicide becomes the last resort for many. "Problem is, sometimes the cries for help turn into unintentional suicides," Anita explained. "Suicide is a cry for help, and too often it is the last cry."

Lisa Burton



Steve Scott, KDKS dee jay

Moa Afrika holds dance

"Friday the Thirteenth Part III," a show, revue and dance will be held tonight at 9 p.m. in the UC Plantation Room. Comedian Khaalis Cherry will entertain, and guest dee jay will be Steve Scott, "The Rock Star," of KDKS, d' Kiss." Admission will be \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door. Advance tickets are available from members of Moa Afrika. Proceeds from the dance will help establish a scholarship and will also be donated to sickle cell anemia.

LSUS hosts debate

by Barbara Wittman

More than 160 students and coaches from 16 universities from Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Texas participated in LSUS' college speech tournament.

In the Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDAO), the LSUS debate team consisting of Kimberly Benefield and Charlie Reid and alternates, Daniel Sklar and Denise Duhon, were five and one in the tournament, according to Dr. Frank Lower, tournament director.

As host LSUS' debaters were not eligible for awards. Lower said Bryan Whitener ranked second in both oratory and extemporaneous but didn't advance because he was from the host school.

The official debate topic for CEDAO was "Resolved: That the unauthorized immigration into the United States is seriously detrimental to the United States."

The topic for novice and advanced under the National Debate Tournament was "Resolved: That the Federal Government should significantly curtail the powers of labor

unions in the United States."

Cameron University of Lawton, Okla., won the sweepstake award, which is given to the school with best overall score.

Second place sweepstakes was won by Central State University in Edmond, Okla. Third place went to Southeast Louisiana in Hammond.

CEDA winners were Southeast Louisiana, first; Central State, second; Louisiana Tech and another Central State team, third. NTD advanced winners were Henderson State, first; Cameron University, second; Central State and Southeastern, third.

Novice winners were Central State, first; Southwest Texas State at San Marcos, second; LSU-Baton Rouge and Abilene Christian, third.

Individual events were won by students from Cameron, Central Arkansas, McNeese State, Louisiana Tech, Abilene Christian and Northeast Louisiana.

Lower said the tournament included fewer schools this year because a tournament was also being held at Sam Houston State the same weekend.

Students attend conference

by Margaret Dornbusch

Topics on leadership, time management, assertiveness and student government associations were discussed at the annual conference of the Association of College Unions International which was held at Texas A&M University this weekend.

LSUS students attending were Doray Ware, Tony Alexander, Kathy Nowak and Vicky Landry Slay. Others were Steve Tucci, Richard Cassidey and Bill McGill. Johnny Wagnon, Robbin Paddie and Tira Kitchens also attended.

Cassidey was elected sub-region six representative.

His responsibilities include acting as a liaison between all schools in the sub-region and the ACU-I board, recruiting other universities to the association and keeping open communications between the schools in the sub-region.

He will represent LSUS, NSU, NLU, USL, Grambling, McNeese, and Louisiana Tech.

Ware, president of the Program Council, said that they found out that other schools have the same problems LSUS has. She said that good ideas were exchanged, everyone had a good time and they all learned a lot.

Grad teaches 49 children

by Sandra Rufty

Two kindergarten classes share the same room. There are 49 4- and 5-year-olds in the same room without a wall to separate them. And there are only two teachers to maintain peace, much less teach under these circumstances.

One of these teachers is Vicki Kennedy, a recent LSUS graduate.

She received her BA in elementary education in May, took the National Teachers Exam and applied for a teaching position in Caddo and Bossier parishes.

Kennedy, 24, is now a kindergarten teacher at Benton Elementary School in charge of 22 boys and girls. She said the biggest problem is handling that many children—20 would be enough, more than that is too many. And the problem is further complicated by having another kindergarten class in the same room.

She got a taste of teaching when she was recommended for a substitution job at South Highland

Elementary School by an LSUS associate professor of education, Dr. Gale Bridger. The job lasted about two months and was a trying but useful experience.

Now that she has her own class to teach, she admits with a sigh, "It's O.K. It's a living."

She has found out that teaching is "an awful lot of work." The paperwork is a problem. Not only does she have to do paperwork for the school, like lesson plans, she has to do it for her students. Too young to do their own cutting and writing, Kennedy has to do it for them.

When she is not teaching or doing paperwork she is a housekeeper, wife and mother of a 7-month-old boy. She's learning quickly to do more than one thing at a time. She was feeding her baby and planning tomorrow's activities in her head while being interviewed.

One of those activities is teaching the letter "f" to her students. With another

sigh and a "Lord, help me" look, she explained she is going to let her students remove their shoes and socks, dip their feet in paint and make footprints.

It sounds like a dumb thing to do, but it is an attempt to make the class more interesting she said.

To add interest to the class, Kennedy taught her students some of the oldies but goodies like "I'm a little tea cup" and "If you're happy and you know it." She then asked the class if they knew any song they wanted to sing.

Cheryl, 5, wanted to sing the "debil song." She explained to her puzzled teacher she wanted to sing about the "debil in blue jeans."

Cheryl then launched into her version of Terri Gibb's hit "Somebody's Knockin." In perfect tune she sang, "Somebody's knockin, should I let him in. Lord it's the 'debil' would you look at him. I heard about him, but I never dreamed he had blue eyes and blue jeans."



Mount Manifest?

Students can pick up a copy of the 1981 yearbook from outside the Manifest office, Room 360 in Bronson Hall.

Photo by Ken Martin

Greek Beat

KAPPA ALPHA

KA welcomes everyone to the KA Casino Party on Nov. 21 in the Plantation Room from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. There will be games, prizes, free drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets, which are \$5 for singles and \$10 for couples, may be purchased from any KA member.

Psychology labs: mirrors, mice, sandboxes

by Karen Rosengrant

Although the typical classroom is practically barren with stiff chairs, blackboards, a lectern and stark walls, some classes, such as courses taught in the new psychology laboratories, are taught in a different atmosphere.

One psychology course, Group Process, is taught in the family therapy lab in the Business and Education building. Plants, pillows, soft chairs and a sofa are scattered around the room "to give a homey atmosphere," Dr. George Kemp, chairman of the psychology department, said.

On one wall is a two-way mirror through which observers can watch the activities in the lab. Although the people in the lab cannot see the observers, they are aware of them, Kemp said. If privacy is needed the blinds on the two-way mirror can be drawn, he added.

The room is also equipped with sensitive microphones

so the observers can hear everything going on in the lab.

Much goes on in the labs, too. For example, in Dr. Mark Vigen's Group Process class the students participate in a variety of demonstrations.

One night five students in the class participated in a nonverbal exercise called the Broken Squares. During the exercise the students had to piece together five squares of equal size from several odd shaped pieces.

Vigen, an associate professor of psychology, said this exercise can be used for team building. It demonstrates how people either criticize or cooperate with people who are deficient in a skill.

Next to the family therapy lab is the play therapy lab. Within a year, such items as a sandbox and painting materials will be set up in this room. Students will be able to observe children while they play and also test them.

To aid testing, wire is equipped in the ceilings of

several labs so the bug-in-ear arrangement can be used, Kemp said. This new technique, he said, enables the student to receive immediate feedback from the instructor without interfering in the psychological testing.

A biofeedback lab, a psychophysics lab and several psychotherapy labs are also located in the Business and Education building.

There's also an animal storage room for the pigeons and rats used in Experimental Psychology and a workshop room equipped with handsaws and drills for making such apparatus as a rat maze.

Another lab in the building is a small animal surgery room where such demonstrations as implanting electrodes in rat brains, are conducted. When a graduate program

is added, Kemp said, students will be able to conduct such experiments, too.

Although some of the labs are now in use, others will not be used until the spring or next fall. "We're still

getting moved in," Kemp said.

Kemp is excited about the new facilities. In fact, he said, they are the "most advanced facilities for undergraduate teaching in the South."

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Nursing home visited

by Missy Falbaum

As we walked through the tall, lean doors of the nursing home we heard an elderly woman softly say, "Dear heaven, please come and rescue me soon."

Nursing homes. The first thought of them usually brings a feeling of sadness. But once you visit a nursing home you always leave with the satisfaction of adding happiness to the elderly.

Members of LSUS' Delta Delta Delta sorority recently visited Midway Manor Nursing Home. It was early in the evening when we arrived at the nursing home. Many of the residents were already asleep. The nurse that was walking up and down the hall distributing medication said, "Don't worry about waking them up, all they ever do is sleep."

We knocked on one door. Sleeping soundly were two elderly men. Their room looked like a typical dormitory room. On a table beside one bed was an old framed photograph of a woman. The man clad in his pajamas arose as we entered the room. "Mary, is that you?" he asked. Then he turned slowly and looked at the photograph, then fell asleep.

The next room we visited was where Mr. and Mrs. Justice lived. They claimed their respective ages to be 88 and 91. When Mr. Justice found out that we were from LSU he began telling stories of LSU-Baton Rouge games that he attended when he was in college. Mrs. Justice finally said, "Honey if you don't shut up they're gonna think you're drunk or something."

On the top of the Justices' television set was a small trophy. "I won the Miss Nursing Home Pageant," Mrs. Justice proudly boasted. "Yep, she was the prettiest thing out there," said Mr. Justice as he gave his wife a small hug.

Down the hall lived two ladies. We walked into their room and tied balloons on the antennae of their television set. "Ladies, the next time you come back will you please sing 'One Day At A Time Sweet Jesus'? You know the Lord has been real good to me lately," the lady said softly. "God bless you all for coming to see us," the other lady said.

As we left the nursing home the wind outside blew with a furious chill. But it didn't bother us, because the warmth we had in our hearts took care of it.

Building body, mind

'Mom' receives scholarship

by Leslie Bland

Moms who go back to school aren't too unusual these days. But moms with six kids and a passion for body-building aren't too common, especially at LSUS.

Patricia Mains, a junior English major, started college in 1967, when LSUS was still a brand new school. She quit college in 1969 to stay at home with her children, and then returned to LSUS in 1975 after her kids were all in school. Mains said she told her family "she wasn't going to sit home and watch soap operas."

For the second year in a row, Mains has received the H. J. Sachs scholarship, awarded annually to an English or English education major who demonstrates academic merit, character and need.

In addition to nine hours of classes and "mother stuff", Mains works out five days a week in a local gym for two and a half or three hours per day. She says she began body building when her husband told her she was "starting to sag." Body building is a "high in itself," she said. "It keeps me full of energy."

Mains went back to school because "I married right out of college," she said, "and there's so much to know." She chose English as a major because she loves literature of any kind. She reads classics, or "the good stuff" as she put it. Mains, who is minoring in library science, hopes to get a job in that field when she graduates.

Juggling schoolwork, family responsibilities and a weightlifting hobby isn't easy. But it's all worth the effort because, as Mains put it, "there's so much to know."

'Guiding Light'—not a trashy soap

by Leslie Bland

"Continuing daytime drama."

Just the phrase draws immediate groans from non-fans and vile protests from TV critics.

Most soap operas, as they are better known, don't deserve the time it would take to cut them into shreds. They are predictable showcases for nudity, sex and violence. Adultery, murder, abortion and extortion are daily occurrences.

But there is one exception to the trash dressed up in a fancy name like "dramatic afternoon television." Granted, the "Guiding Light" has its share of these subjects. As a matter of fact, it has enough to keep the Moral Majority screaming for years. But the "Guiding Light" has something writers on other soaps never heard of.

It's called plot. One never knows what will happen next in Springfield (no one ever seems to know what state they live in). Just when everything seems to

be running smoothly on the surface, life will take a turn for the worse. And surprisingly enough, the writers still seem to be able to come up with fresh material.

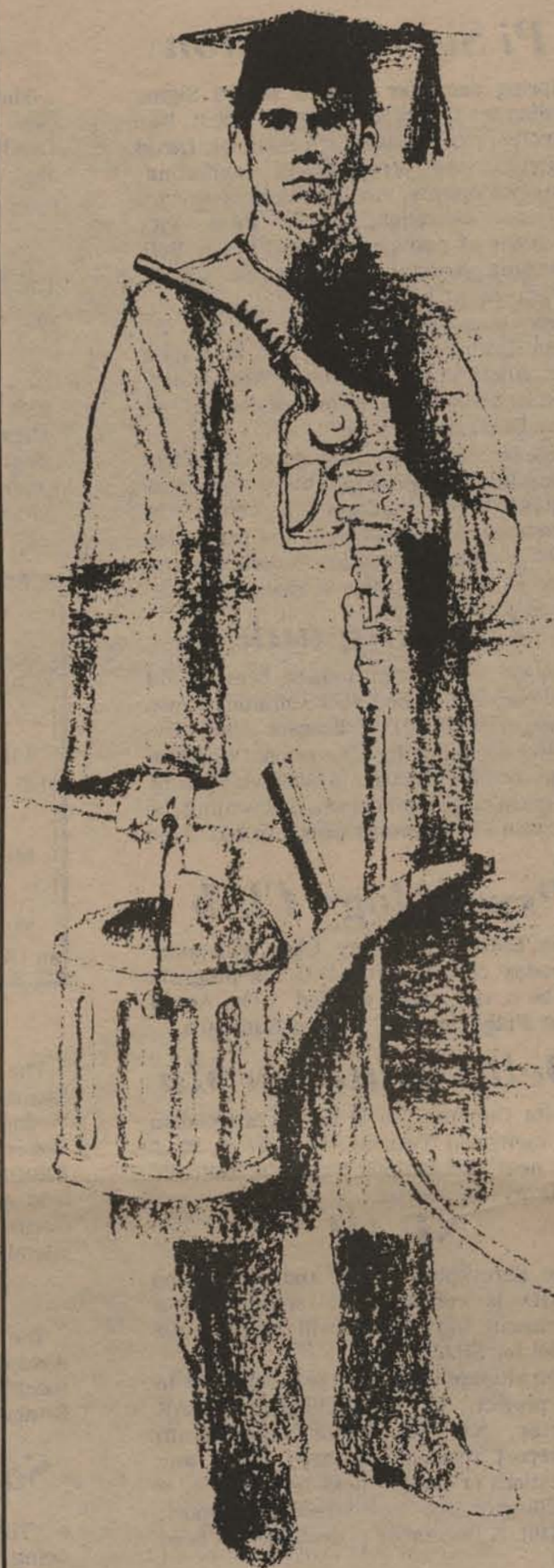
Of course, most of it is pretty unrealistic. For example, how many 17-year-old girls do you know that have been kidnapped, raped, trapped into becoming a prostitute, and almost killed in a car wreck with her alcoholic boyfriend all in less than a year? But as the poet Samuel Coleridge said, it doesn't matter if the story line is realistic. The question is in a situation this improbable, would everything that follows be logical? In this case the answer is yes.

The characters on the show are well-developed. No one is all good or all bad. Even the corrupt, power-hungry company president has a soft spot for his new baby son. The ruthless blackmailer doesn't want his mother to know what he has done because she would be ashamed of him.

This lack of good characterization is a major fault of most soap opera writers. When everyone's personality has a redeeming factor, viewers keep tuning in to see what happens. If they can't at least feel a little sympathy for the bad guys, they will get disgusted and quit watching. I know because I've done it.

Though soap operas draw much criticism, they do offer a certain amount of escape. Our everyday problems seem almost insignificant when compared to the tangled lives of the characters in Springfield. Who Knows Where. People who criticize soap operas are missing the point. They offer diversion, not solutions.

Soap operas are to be enjoyed, not to be believed. Of course, no one has a life so confusing or complicated. In order to appreciate a soap opera, one must always remember that no one promised anything but entertainment, and I believe that in the case of the Guiding Light they have succeeded.



"We're getting an education to run a filling station."

So ran the words of an old song popular during the Depression. No, we're not in a depression, but if our energy sources dry up so will our jobs. Industry and business depend on energy to survive. And to supply that energy, utility companies must make full use of today's technology and of every available energy source including nuclear power and coal. The failure to utilize these two sources of energy, along with others available, could seriously jeopardize the industrial and economic growth of our area. And growth is what we need to provide jobs.

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Around Campus

Pi Sigma Epsilon

Spring semester officers for Pi Sigma Epsilon are Louise McElroy, president; Dan Menefee, vice president of personnel; David Weaver, vice president of marketing; Rodney Stephens, vice president of finance and administration; Karen Penn, vice president of public relations; Helen Bell, recording secretary and Zoronia Myers, corresponding secretary.

Four members were initiated into Pi Sigma Epsilon on Thursday, Oct. 29. Karen Penn, Alicia Thompson, David Weaver and Helen Bell were inducted in ceremonies held at the University Center.

Membership in this professional business organization is open to men and women in all majors. For more information, contact the department of management and marketing in the Business-Education Building, room 301 or Pi Sigma Epsilon in room 333.

Hearing aids

Anyone who has an unused hearing aid should bring it to the LSUS communications center in room 321 of Bronson Hall. The Caddo Foundation for Exceptional Children is sponsoring a hearing aid bank which loans aids to children or adults who are waiting for their own aid or cannot afford to buy their own.

Psychology Club

The LSUS Psychology Club will meet Thursday, Nov. 19, in the U.C. The program will be a video tape entitled "The Art of Being Fully Human" by Leo Buscaglia.

Delta Omicron Mu

Delta Omicron Mu is having a freedom tree memorial Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 12:15 p.m. near the campus flag pole. Refreshments will be served.

SPAR

The Shreveport Parks and Recreation (SPAR) is conducting a search for a department logo which will become the symbol for SPAR.

In an attempt to involve the community in this project, E. Jay Ellington, SPAR director, has asked for input from Shreveport residents. Please submit any suggestions or design ideas to SPAR, c/o Mr. Ellington, 800 Snow Street, Shreveport, La. 71101. A December 11 deadline has been set.

Dr. Kemp

Dr. George Kemp, psychology, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Children's Council of Northwest Louisiana.

Dedication set

Dedication ceremonies for the Business-Education Building will be held Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Martin Woodin, president of the LSU System, will take part in the ceremonies. Faculty, staff and students are invited.

Pilots circle

The Pilots Circle will meet at noon Friday, Nov. 20 in the DeSoto room of the UC. Deadline for applications is Monday, Nov. 16.

ROTC

The ROTC is sponsoring a canned food drive. If you would like to contribute, bring your canned goods to BH 120.

Almagest

The Almagest is accepting applications for all staff positions for the spring semester. Come by Bronson Hall, room 344 for more information.

Calendar

November 13

Nominations due for Mr. and Miss University

November 14

Film: Kiddie Feature "101 Dalmations," 2 p.m. in the Science Lecture Auditorium.

November 17 and 18

Mr. and Miss University elections

November 20

Film: "Last Tango in Paris," 1 and 7 p.m. in UC Theatre.

SLAE

The business meeting of the Student Louisiana Association of Educators will be Wednesday, Nov. 18 at noon in the Caddo-Bossier Room of the University Center. Elections for spring semester officers will be held. Also, the student teacher dinner will be discussed. All SLAE members are urged to attend.

AAUP

The local chapter of the American Association of University Professors will meet Thursday, Nov. 12 at 12:30 p.m. in the Bridge Room of the University Center.

Safety Committee

"The main thing is to keep people from being harmed in any way," Dr. Frank Collins, Jr., professor of chemistry, said in a recent meeting of the LSUS safety committee. Collins serves as chairman of the committee.

The committee, which meets monthly, deals with topics concerning student, faculty and employee safety on campus. Subjects before the November meeting were visitor safety and hazards related to slick sidewalks in front of the library.

Questions and suggestions regarding possible safety hazards on campus should be referred to the committee during its monthly meetings or to Collin's office, Science 312.

Sociological Assoc.

At the recent meeting of the Mid South Sociological Association, three faculty members presented papers and directed seminars. Dr. Kathleen Handy, social sciences, presented a paper on "Blacks in the Criminal Justice System," and Dr. Fred Hawley, criminal justice, presented a paper on Spanish folk healing. Dr. Norman Dolch, social sciences, served as local arrangements chairman for the meeting.

BSU news

Baptist Young Women are sponsoring a canned food drive Nov. 4-20. There is a labeled box in the University Center for all contributions.

The BSU black gospel choir will meet Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 1 p.m. at the BSU center. All interested persons should attend.

The BSU will have a combination "Covered Dish Day" and "Faculty Day" Wednesday, Nov. 18 from noon until 12:50 p.m. Students will bring their favorite covered dish and faculty members will be served lunch.

The BSU will sponsor a variety show Saturday, Nov. 21 from 7-9 p.m. Anyone interested in participating should sign up by Nov. 17 at the BSU.

The International Students Conference will be Nov. 25-27 in Alexandria. Anyone interested in spending Thanksgiving with a student from another country should contact the BSU office at 797-1946 for more information.

Sigma Delta Chi

John Lee, news director at KWKH, will speak today at 1 p.m. to students interested in joining Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society. Those interested should meet in the Almagest office, room 344 in Bronson Hall.

Adolescent seminar

The division of Conferences and Institutes will sponsor a seminar called "Adolescents in the Family: Taking the Pressure Off Mom and Dad" Nov. 20-21. Speakers will be Dr. Joseph Carlisle, psychology, and Ann V. Eddy, supervisor of professional services at Rutherford House. The program will deal with family developmental life cycles, an overview of adolescence. Cost of the seminar is \$25. For more information, contact Conferences and Institutes at ext. 5262.

Slide show

Movies and slides of the 1981 LSUS foreign study program will be shown Saturday, Nov. 14 from 6 until 8 p.m. in the UC Theatre.

Anyone interested in next summer's foreign study program is invited to attend.

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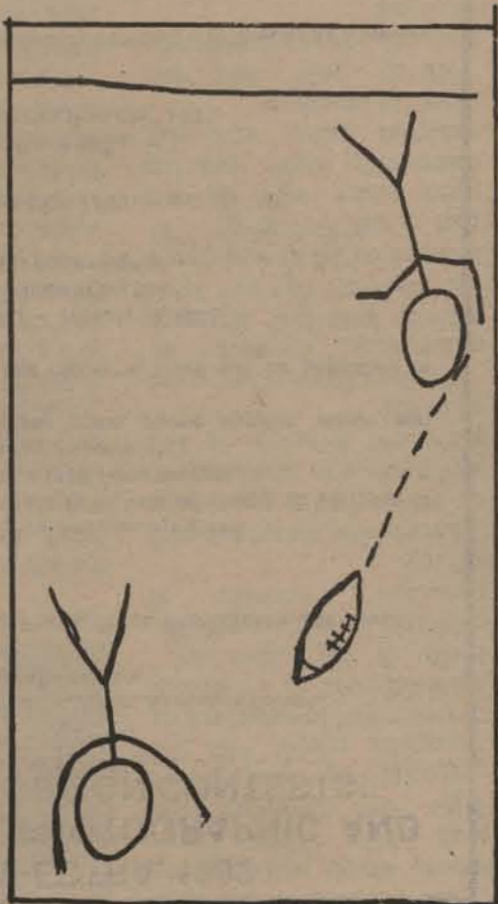
Since the paper comes out on a Friday the 13th this week we are required to give you a Friday the 13th story. It's sort of a public service, telling you how rotten life will be today.

Problem is, I don't believe any of that stuff. I speed-up when I see a black cat, I walk under ladders because I'm lazy and I have almost been cured of scratching on the roof when I drive through a yellow light. So this is not your normal "booga-booga" superstition story.

Friday the 13th is just another day like any other day. Sure, it might be rotten, but then again it might be the one bright spot in your pathetic little life this whole year.

In honor of this attitude I'm running a random grouping of photographs with full confidence in my ability, my equipment and the fact that nothing can go wrong go wrong growrong growronggowrongo.

13th
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Friday
Story



Independent 7 dumps ICA, takes top spot

by Jack Mitchell

Independent 7 went into their game Tuesday against top-ranked and unbeaten ICA needing to win by at least six points to take the number one spot in the Tuesday league.

And they did exactly that, using a fierce second half comeback to zap last year's champs 30-24.

ICA jumped out to an 18-8 halftime lead behind Brad Colgin's two touchdown receptions, one of 20 yards and the second was a 40-yarder after a Scott Guthrie interception. Guthrie got the third ICA score of the half on a 22-yard grab.

Independent 7's Mike Smith picked up their lone score for the first half.

Down by ten points at the half, Independent 7 roared

	votes	1st place
1. ICA	44	4
2. Dr. Zog's	34	1
3. Independent 7	28	
4. Phi Delt	28	
5. Seniors	16	

back strong early in the final half. A Mark Braswell to Russell Carriker pass, set up by a 50-yard strike to Steve Mulig closed the gap to 18-16.

David Barker then picked off a Lance Mosley pass and returned it for a score. After the two-point extra point play, Independent 7's third of the game, the score stood at 21-18 — the magical margin the underdogs needed.

They picked up an insurance score after a Mulig interception and a strike from Braswell to Smith for six points.

But ICA was far too good a team to roll over and play dead. Mosley took his team steadily down the field with time running short, parlaying his efforts with a 12-yard strike to Guthrie who made a juggling catch for the touchdown.



Independent 7's Gary LeBlanc makes a dive for ICA runner Bruce Gonyea.

Photo by Ken Martin

The extra point attempt was off the mark and the six-point Independent 7 lead was preserved.

"First place was on our minds but we wanted the win bad," said Braswell. "Revenge was a factor." ICA won an earlier meeting between the two teams 20-14.

Also in Tuesday's action, KA won a berth in the playoffs by whipping the Saints 34-28.

After the Saints took a 2-0 lead on a safety, Johnny Wagnon grabbed a 15-yard

touchdown strike from Rolf Holman to make it 6-2. Holman followed that with a 2-yarder to Martin Johnson for a 12-2 KA lead.

Scott Fleming returned an interception 18 yards to push KA up 20-12. A Holman to Johnson touchdown pass from 13 yards out made it 26-2 and gave all indications of a runaway.

Until the potent passing combination of Philip Downer to Steve Shands got on track. Three Downer strikes to Shands from 14, 19 and 45 yards away tightened things up at 26-20.

But, with Wagnon filling in for an injured Holman, KA picked up another score on a Wagnon pass of 1 yard to Johnson, his third of the day.

Mike Welsh grabbed an 80-yard scoring pass from Downer to end the game at 34-28.

In last week's Wednesday league, Seniors took a close contest from LSUMC Faculty 24-21. Bob Moffitt, Keith Dick, Jim Ralston and Bob Halsell all scored for the winners.

Gas Passers slipped past No Sweat 30-6 behind the

scoring of Greg Broussard and Kurt Knowles.

Water Bugs rode touchdowns by David Symoniak and Charlie Gallemore to top Delta Sigs 24-21.

Dr. Zog's stayed unbeaten by wrecking Louie's Boys 34-8. As is usually the case, Zog's scoring was balanced, with four different players getting into the act. Dennis Parks scored twice and Jeff Ham, John Carter and Paul Seib added one apiece.

Thursday's action had Beverly Beres' three touchdowns pacing Zeta to a 26-8 win over Mavericks. Amy Hollier added a touchdown for the winners.

Muff-Huggers clinched a play-off berth with a 30-8 trouncing of Vigilantes. Mike Smelley hit paydirt twice and Chris Key and John Harris got a touchdown each.

Freebirds fought off a fierce BSU team to lose by only two touchdowns, 14-0. Randy Graham and Brian Bridges scored for the winners.

Phi Delt dropped ROTC in a 42-14 ballgame. Dean Minto and Tony Randazzo scored twice for the greeks (better?).

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Part-time help needed. Light bookkeeping, secretarial work. Call 222-9422.

Biology spoken here, too...

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surface contact with cool air can be helpful in communicating biologically.

The second problem I had to neutralize was how to remember all the information. Biology is less the study of life than it is the study of obscure facts. But, again, it was simply a matter of adapting facts to my liberal arts background.

Take cell division as an example. I reasoned that it actually occurred when a cell is away from home — possibly at a cell convention

— and he encounters a comely 'hostess' cell. She entices him with her curvaceous cell membrane and, after a few drinks, he invites her up to his room for a quick division. "Well, maybe just a little prophase," she accepts.

But, you know cells; it wasn't long before they were into metaphase, anaphase and even telephase. And he had to pay a visit to the local cellular health center.

Sad to say, the questions

weren't worded quite that way on the test.

Another example is how I handled molecular diagrams. In my eyes, they weren't any worse than a city map. Downtown is the hydrogen atom, Southern Hills is a carboxyl group, the Bottoms is a particularly nasty amino acid — so on and so forth.

That is until I made a wrong turn at an ionic bond, causing a chain reaction that eventually led to urban renewal.

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